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NSW 2 — QLD 0

That's that.

Now that Queensland has had it's celebration match against NSW, and, let us hope, learned a lesson in how modern soccer should be played, let us go on with the game and, hopefully have no more of these useless interruptions.

Queensland Boss, Bruce Stowell, was not in a very happy position when he fielded his State's team against the 'Blues' — and no wonder.

His only real star, and only player of an international standard, Brisbane Lions' Danny Wright, was ruled out before the match when he did not pass Dr. Keith Pearson's medical test.

Wright had suffered an ankle injury in the NSL clash against Brisbane City, and the injury was not completely healed. Without Wright and dour Brisbane City stopper, Peter Tokesi, Stowell's job of holding NSW was hopeless from the start.

On top of that, the Queensland boss had a number of players without 'international' experience. Jim McDonagh, John Stewart, Bob Mountford, an ex-Newcastle player, and lately out of form; and Steve Jackson had never been in the State team before, although the last named talented Brisbane Lions back is a former Qld U/19 Representative.

So what did Queensland want to prove?

As Bruce Stowell himself admitted after the match, the NSW boys were too good. He was surprised at how fast they were on the ball. And in this he was right.

The 2 nil result is by no means a true reflection of the great superiority of the boys from the south, who for most of the time ran rings around the 'Marronns' and had the Queensland team tied in knots.

By contrast, the 'home' team had only one player who stood out a shade better than the rest, Jim McDonagh, while Russell Stewart was prominent only as the 'villian' for the many fouls he made, and for his constantly trying to come to blows with Peter Raskopoulos.

So if Queensland managed to prove anything, this is that National Coach, Frank Arok, should have no second thoughts about selecting more players from the Northern State for the forthcoming tournament.

And we're sure he won't.

Marshall Soper, who opened the score for NSW, in action against QLD. The Blues were almost always first on the ball and a metre ahead of their opponents; and this was a maior factor in their success.

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SOCCER Voice

EDITORIAL

Once again the Australian soccer public looks like being the victims of another tour by under-strength international clubs.

So many times in the past, teams with great reputations have arrived in Australia but when they take the field we have found to our dismay that many of the household names in the soccer world are playing somewhere else.

In the past few weeks, the papers have had reports and denials that the teams to tour next month will or will not have their key players.

Manchester United apparently face the tour without a number of players, reported to be almost half the senior side, who will be needed for the England, Irish or Scottish teams for coming internationals or tours.

Nottingham Forest and Glasgow Rangers also have contenders for national selection, while Italy's Juventus is likely to have half of its team in the national side to play internationals and then travel to the United States.

At this stage, those members travelling to the United States are expected to continue to Australia, while the remainder will fly direct from Rome.

And there was even a report that Iraklis could be in the final of the Greek Cup, which is scheduled two weeks after its Australian tour commenced. The report added that the Greek Football authorities had been asked to postpone their Cup final to enable Iraklis to tour Australia.

What an amazing situation for a sport which tries to proclaim it is professional and that it is conducted on a businesslike basis.

Even some of the leading soccer administrators don't know what is happening, and have to wait until they have been informed whether the rumors are fact or fiction.

Obviously, the issue should never have reached the stage it has.

It was known last December when negitiations first commenced that some of the teams would not be at full strength.

George Wallace, the Victorian secretary knew this, and so did the ASF.

We have constantly been bombarded with news about the matches and the feast to be served to the public as well as the benefits that will flow to Frank Arok in his quest to get Australia in the 1986 World Cup finals.

But at no time has it been pointed out until just recently that some of the stars would be elsewhere.

There was even confusion on the number of teams to come to Australia and which teams could come because of their involvement in Cup matches.

It is all too much and the public deserves better. How can the code maintain support and credibility when it is held up to ridicule and made to look like novices.

As one critic said: "Sport is usually simple to play. It is generally the officials who make it difficult!"

NEXT WEEK'S GAMES:

BLACKTOWN v OLYMPIC
LEICHHARDT v CROATIA
MARCONI v WOLLONGONG
ST GEORGE v PENRITH

NEXT WEEK'S GAMES:

ADELAIDE CITY v CANBERRA
BRISBANE CITY v MELITA
BRISBANE LIONS v SYDNEY CITY
HEIDELBERG v BRUNSWICK JUVE
CROATIA v SOUTH MELBOURNE
PRESTON v GREEN GULLY
SUNSHINE G.C. v FOOTSCRAY
WEST ADELAIDE v NEWCASTLE

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Brunswick	9	6	1	2	13	10	13
Heidelberg	9	4	3	2	16	10	11
West Adelaide	9	4	2	3	16	13	10
Preston	9	3	3	3	10	11	9
Croatia (Melb)	9	3	3	3	16	18	9
Brisbane City	9	3	3	3	8	10	9
South Melbourne	9	3	2	4	13	10	8
Adelaide City	9	3	2	4	9	9	8
Brisbane Lions	9	2	3	4	9	13	7
Green Gully	9	2	3	4	8	14	7
Footscray	9	2	2	5	9	13	6
Sunshine G.C.	9	1	2	6	3	20	4

AUSTRALIA CONFERENCE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Parramatta-Melita	9	4	4	1	12	9	12
Blacktown	9	5	2	2	15	13	12
Sydney City	7	4	3	0	16	4	11
Olympic	9	4	3	2	18	10	11
Leichhardt	8	4	3	1	14	8	11
St George	9	3	3	3	9	8	9
Penrith	9	3	3	3	14	18	9
Marconi	9	3	2	4	21	15	8
Canberra	9	4	0	5	19	14	8
Newcastle	8	3	1	4	9	11	7
Wollongong	9	2	3	4	9	17	7
Croatia (Syd)	9	1	4	4	12	20	6

Round Results

GREEN GULLY — ADELAIDE CITY 2-1
FOOTSCRAY — HEIDELBERG 0-3
SOUTH MELBOURNE — PRESTON 1-2
WEST ADELAIDE — SUNSHINE G.C. 7-0
BRUNSWICK JUVE — BRISBANE LIONS 1-0

Round 9 Results

SYDNEY CITY — BLACKTOWN 4-0
SYDNEY CROATIA — ST GEORGE 1-1
OLYMPIC — MARCONI 2-2
BRISBANE CITY — LEICHHARDT 0-0
MELITA — PENRITH 1-1

CANBERRA — CROATIA (Melb) 3-0

SINGAPORE SLINGS

from Ted Simmons

Kuwait prepared secretly for the last three months for the pre-Olympic final rounds.

While the other four Middle East teams sent their squads for the Gulf competition, Kuwait sent their youth side instead and concentrated on working their senior squad.

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The FIFA Referees committee decided to appoint the referee, linesmen and reserve referee for each match only 30 minutes before the kick-off to prevent bribery attempts.

It is the first time such a rule has been imposed and officials say it could be introduced at the Olympics and the World Cup.

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The Middle East invasion with its petro-cash sent prices rocketing in many different areas and had some unusual payouts.

Apart from the huge betting on the matches, a drink pack went from 30c to 90c, and ice-cream sold for $1.50, and some Gulf nations were reported to have paid for grandstand seats for scores of youngsters to get extra vocal support.

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The three year war between Iran and Iraq spilled on to the soccer field when the Iraq team said they would not play if Iran referee Nazari was appointed to any of their games in any capacity.

However, commonsense prevailed and the team changed their mind and said they would play under any referee. It was most unlikely, of course, that Nazari would have been appointed to their games and create a diplomatic incident.

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New Zealand were the easiest team as far as discipline was concerned.

They had no restrictions on talking to anyone, could leave the hotel when they pleased, but had to be back in their rooms by 10.30 at night.

Other teams could only leave their hotel in groups and accompanied by team officials.

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Malaysia went into isolation for the tournament. The team decided to stay at Johor Baru to avoid the temptations of Singapore, including possible bribery.

The team's hotel was turned into a mini-Fort Knox with armed security guards, telephones to the players rooms disconnected and even television sets removed to discourage them from watchin late-night programs.

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In contrast, the Kuwait team occupied two floors in the presidential suite at the Hilton International in pampered luxury.

Even the team manager was given a suite.

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NEW ZEALAND DOWN AND OUT

If Australia cannot beat New Zealand in the Oceania World Cup qualifying rounds next year, then we don't deserve to call ourselves a soccer nation or champions of anything.

New Zealand finished the Asia-Oceania Olympic qualifying final round in last place and with the poorest record of any of the ten teams.

In four games, New Zealand scored one goal in four losses. Even Japan, which finished last in Group B managed to knock in five goals to register a better goal difference and give some heart to its supporters.

In the second round, New Zealand was beaten 2-0 by South Korea and then suffered the final indignity when lowly Bahrain held on to a 1-0 lead to score its first win and only its second goal of the tournament.

Saudi Arabia, with three wins and a draw won Group A while the unfancied Qatar, with four wins finished on top of Group B. Both teams qualified for the Olympic Games finals in Los Angeles in July.

New Zealand never looked a possibility at any stage in any of its four games. There was little cohesion between the attack and defence and even less support through the middle when an attack was launched.

To add to the shambles, the Kiwis forgot how to mark, left the midfield open to most of their opposition and were at least a metre slower to the ball.

The players seemed to have little idea of tactical finesse and their tentative probes and challenges were casually brushed aside by opposition which should have been made to work harder.

Admittedly they were without three key players and there was some concern about Asian referees but even these excuses could not be blamed for the overall poor performances.

New Zealand held South Korea to a scoreless first half but two goals within four minutes shattered the Kiwi composure in the second half.

The game against Bahrain had no bearing on the competition as both teams were out of the running, but neither team really tried much to the crowd's displeasure.

Bahrain got the decisive goal three minutes from half time following a defencive error and the ball was booted in from close range.

New Zealand, true to its form in the earlier matches, created some chances but the forwards fumbled in front of the goalmouth.

Saudi Arabia caused the biggest upset and stunned the huge crowd when they beat favourites Kuwait 4-1.

Australian referee Chris Bambridge had a rough time during the clash in whcih he sent off a Kuwait midfielder, cautioned four other players and ordered the Kuwait coach to leave the field when he persisted in argument with the linesman.

Saudi Arabia opened the score with a 31st minute goal, added a second seven minutes into the second half which was disputed by the Kuwait players and officials. But two goals in the final three minutes left no doubt about which was the better team.

South Korean keeper Jung Ki-Dong flies high over the head of Kuwait striker Yousuf Al-Sowayed.

The Saudi Arabians had to come from behind to edge South Korea 5-4 to qualify for Los Angeles. South Korea had led 2-1 at half time.

Qatar surprisingly had a battle against last-placed Japan before making certain of its Olympic spot.

Qatar led 1-0 at half time against the spirited Japanese after a 22nd minute goal but were jolted out of their rhythm when a penalty was brilliantly saved by japanese keeper Kazumi Tsubota.

The winner came in the 64th minute when Tsubota fumbled a long-range shot by Qatar fullback Al-Sowaidi. The ball bounced off the keeper's chest and striker Jalnam pounced to slot home from close range.

The only blot on Qatar's triumph came in the 78th minute when Philippines referee Tuluk Gurkan dismissed Qatar team manager Abdul Rahman Al-Noeimi for persistently giving instructions from the sideline.

Another incident occurred in the match between Qatar and Iraq when the players, officials and spectators became involved in a brawl and officials and guards had to rush on to the field to separate the mob and restore order.

The fight began when Qatar grabbed the second goal for its 2-0 win and protests to Chinese referee Zhang Daqiao were ignored.

Singapore and tournament officials have one final inquiry to make — into a reported bribery attempt of a referee.

BY TED SIMMONS IN SINGAPORE

A report has been received from a referee that he was offered $15,000 to affect the result of the vital match between Saudi Arabia and South Korea. The bribery attempt cannot be confirmed but a full investigation will be made and the results submitted to FIFA.

It was one of the few bribery attempts reported during the tournament.

Malaysia's Soh Chin Aun (right) clears away the dangerous Qatar attack after keeper Rashid Hassan goes down on all fours.

"Ouch, that hurts", says Kuwait keeper Sameer Said as he receives treatment during the match against Saudi Arabia.

Photographs by courtesy of Jerry Seh.

Final Tables of the Asia-Oceania Olympic Qualifying Rounds

GROUP A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Saudi Arabia	4	3	1	0	13	7	7
South Korea	4	2	1	1	7	5	5
Kuwait	4	2	1	1	5	4	5
Bahrain	4	1	1	2	2	4	3
New Zealand	4	0	0	4	1	8	0

GROUP B

Qatar	4	4	0	0	7	1	8
Iraq	4	3	0	1	6	4	6
Thailand	4	1	1	2	6	5	3
Malaysia	4	1	1	2	2	5	3
Japan	4	0	0	4	5	11	0

SECOND ROUND MATCH RESULTS

GROUP A

SAUDI ARABIA 4 — KUWAIT 1
SOUTH KOREA 2 — NEW ZEALAND 0
SAUDI ARABIA 5 — SOUTH KOREA 4
BAHRAIN 1 — NEW ZEALAND 0

GROUP B

QATAR 1 — THAILAND 0
IRAQ 2 — JAPAN 1
QATAR 2 — IRAQ 0
THAILAND 0 — MALAYSIA 0
QATAR 2 — JAPAN 1
IRAQ 2 — MALAYSIA 0

OLYMPIC GAMES QUALIFIERS: SAUDI ARABIA & QATAR

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National Youth League

by Peter Russell

The myth that travelling teams are disadvantaged was completely blown at the weekend when in the National Youth League (Australian Conference) last placed Croatia travelled to Swansea to defeat the strong Newcastle side 1-0; Melita Eagles went to the Capital where they defeated the league leaders and previously unbeaten Australian Institute of Sport by two goals to nil. On Sunday, battlers Leichhardt also travelled to the Captial, where they beat the fancied Canberra Arrows by two goals to one. Meanwhile in Sydney on Saturday Olympic thrashed Penrith by five goals to nil including a hat-trick to Chris Kalantzis and on Sunday Penrith bounced back to hold the classy Melita Eagles to a one all draw.

NEWCASTLE 0 — CROATIA 1

At the Blacksmiths Ground at Swansea, Newcastle Rosebuds still seem to be struggling with their transformation from 'K.B. United' to 'Rosebuds' and although they have virtually the same side as before their 'Killer' instinct seems to have deserted them. Despite the aid of a strong wind at their backs in the first half their clear domination of this half failed to materialise in any goals. Inclusion in the Croatia side of Greg Woodhouse in goal and Roy Drinkwater in central defence no doubt was a contributing factor.

In the 40th minute, in one of their rare attacks in the first half, Croatia were awarded an indirect free kick inside the Newcastle penalty area and 12 metres out. Roy Drinkwater's first effort whizzed past the post but the referee ordered it to be retaken. The ball was touched to Tony Rapo who gave Greg Woodhouse no chance. 0-1.

Only Tony Caban went close for Newcastle when he headed narrowly past the post from a Ross Milosevic cross, the rest of the time their forwards appeared overawed at the sight of Woodhouse in the Croatian goal and as a result were shot shy and never really tested him. Croatia mastered the wind better than Newcastle and when the sides changed ends they managed to outlast their hosts to take two welcome points back to Sydney with them.

NEWCASTLE: *hampton, Milosevic, Boogaard, Gillogly, McGuiness, Kerby, Jones, Tonkin (Mason), Caban, Cameron, Turnbull (Garland).*
BEST PLAYERS: Peter McGuiness, Ross Milosevic, Mark Jones.
CROATIA: *Woodhouse, Cosic, Drinkwater, Samardzic, Lubanovic, Rapo, Berkopec, Kero, Caleta, Peulic (Leko), Duijic.*
BEST PLAYERS: Joe Samardzic, Darko Cosic, Tom Lubanovic.

A.I.S. 0 — MELITA EAGLES 2

At the Bruce Stadium on Saturday, league leaders and previously unbeaten Australian Institute of Sport met their masters in Melita Eagles. The Institute playing well below their recent form had no answer to the bubbling Eagles side. A.I.S. coach Jimmy Shoulder felt that even if his charges had been in full flight, they would have been troubled to get anything from this game, with the Eagles on this form and frame of mind.

It was obvious right from the start that Eagles had psyched themselves up to win this game, they were sharp and keen and really buzzed around and it was to the Institutes credit that they held them in the first half.

The second half was just four minutes old when Craig Williams won the ball from Carlo Ambrosino near the halfway mark and played it inside to Birol Sertbas, the midfielder then sent a long probing ball which found striker Peter Delaney in the clear and he ran in to the area to beat the advancing Mirko Runje from 10 metres. 0-1.

In the 61st minute Paul Andricopoulos was sandwiched inside the A.I.S. penalty area whilst making a good run, however Ron Genovese blasted the spot kick over the bar. But it was just four minutes later that the Eagles got their well deserved second goal. It was another good build up out of defence, fullback Tom Alexakis pushed the ball through to Peter Whiteside who knocked the ball out wide, the ball was crossed into the box to Peter Delaney, his shot was blocked, but Tony Lewis was on hand to tuck the rebound away. 0-2.

A.I.S. applied a lot of pressure on the Eagles goal in the late stages of the game, but poor finishing and Bill Londos in the Eagles goal kept them at bay until the final whistle.

A.I.S.: *Runje, McLennan, Hooker, Cummings, Andrews (Nathan) Sharpe (Ingham), Ambrosino, Kulcsar, Hristodilou, McMillan, Spink.*
BEST PLAYERS: Robert Hooker, Mirko Runje, Warren Spinks.
MELITA EAGLES: *Londos, Williams (Smith), Alexakis, Genovese, Barrios, Beecroft, Sertbas, Whiteside, Lewis, Delaney, Andricopoulos.*
BEST PLAYERS: Peter Whiteside, John Barrios, Tom Alexakis.

MELITA EAGLES 1 — PENRITH 1

At Melita Stadium on Sunday the high flying young Eagles were brought down to earth again by a resolute Penrith side which bounced back from it's five goal walloping on Saturday to hold the classy Eagles to a draw.

Melita started off well and were soon buzzing around the Penrith goal well led by Paul Andricopoulos and Peter Delaney. But it was defender Lindsay Smith who first tested Penrith keeper David Hayes, when he ran on to a good ball and cracked a great shot from the corner of the box which the keeper brilliantly turned over for a corner.

Despite their territorial superiority in the first half hour the Eagles never really troubled keeper David Hayes with only Paul Andricopoulos coming close with a diving header from a corner kick which hit the side netting. A minute later at the other end Chris Condon cracked in a great drive from a free kick 30 metres out, but it was straight at the keeper Mike Blanco who saved comfortably.

Three minutes later Peter Delaney received a great through ball from Birol Sertbas and he beat the keeper with an angled shot from 15 metres. 1-0. A minute later they should have gone further ahead when Domenic Colagiuri and Paul Andricopoulos combined well before Andricopoulos pulled the ball back from the goal line across an open goal, but there was no one there backing up.

The second half was a different story with Penrith taking the game by the scruff of the neck and taking it to the Egales. Ten minutes into the half Ian Vaughan went close when Mike Blanco palmed out a cross to him. Eight minutes later he went close again when he met a dArio Martino cross fromt he left at the far post and headed across the face of the goal and narrowly past the far post.

They were finally rewarded four minutes later when Dan Petersen sent a neat chipped pass to Randall Easthorpe who in turn cleverly chipped the ball past the advancing keeper 1-1.

MELITA EAGLES: *Blanco, Smith, Aleakis, **Gregson**, Barrios, Radenkovic, Colagiuri, Sertbas, **Delaney**, Whiteside (Beecroft), Andricopoulos.*
BEST PLAYERS: Lindsay Smith, Peter Delaney, Peter Whiteside.
PENRITH: *Hayes, Condon, Hopkinson (Petersen), Tinsley, Carboni, Vaughan, Bass, Toohey (Montgomery), Martino, Lowe, Easthorpe.*
BEST PLAYERS: Rick Tinsley, David Carboni, Randall Easthorpe.

CHRIS KALANTZIS
— Olympic Youth —

GEORGE HANIOTIS
— Olympic Youth —

OLYMPIC 5 — PENRITH 0

At an empty Pratten Park on Saturday, Sydney Olympic handed out a thrashing to visitors Penrith, beating them by five goals to nil and including an excellent hat-trick to 16 year old Chris Kalantzis, who on his recent form must be destined for Jimmy Shoulders Youth Socceroos in the near future. He and central defender George Haniotis were outstanding for Olympic.

Steve Politi opened the scoring for olympic in the first half when he ran on to a good through ball from the midfield to beat one defender before cracking home an angled shot from 15 metres. 1-0.

Chris Kalantzis scored the second a short time later when he cleverly dribbled around at least four Penrith defenders, Alex Koussas called for the ball out wide, immediately drawing two defenders and leaving a gap for Chris Kalantzis to walk through and slip the ball past the advancing keeper. 2-0.

George (Bully) Baltatzis made a good run down the wing before sending in a good cross for Chris Kalantzis to head home for his second goal. 3-0.

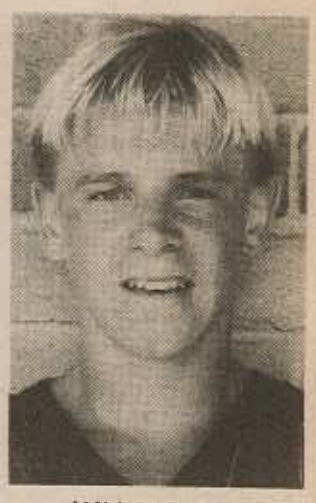
A few minutes later he got his hat-trick with antoher header when Duncan Worthington found him with a good cross at the far post, he headed the ball down to beat the keeper in the far corner of the net.

But he wasn't finished there, his cleverly placed free kick found Alex Koussas unmarked and he scored from close range to finish the scoring at 5-0.

For Penrith Ian Vaughan worked tirelessly in trying to push forward but the Olympic defence was resolute. Despite the five goals their young keeper David Hayes also had an outstanding game and prevented it turning into a complete rout.

OLYMPIC: *Marinkov, Nocera, Naumov (Spanoudakis), Haniotis, Worthington, Gardikiotis (Servas), Politi, Matsias, Kalantzis, Koussas.*
BEST PLAYERS: George Haniotis, Chris Kalantzis, Alex Koussas.
PENRITH: *Hayes, Montgomery, Hopkinson, Toohey, Carboni, Vaughan, Bass, Petersen, Martino, Shute, Easthorpe.*
BEST PLAYERS: Ian Vaughan, David Hayes, Dan Petersen.

JIMMY SHOULDER
— Australian Institute of sport and Youth Socceroo Coach —



IAN VAUGHAN
— Penrith Youth —

RESULTS

Week Ending 29-4-84

Newcastle 0	—	**Croatia 1** (Rapo)
A.I.S. 0	—	**Melita Eagles 2** (Delaney, Lewis)
Olympic 5 (Politi, Kalantzis 3, Koussas)	—	**Penrith 0**
Melita Eagles 1 (Delaney)	—	**Penrith 1** (Easthorpe)
Canberra 1 (Gagetti)	—	**Leichhardt 2** (Beddoni)

LEADING GOALSCORERS

Warren Spink A.I.S.	9
Alex Bottalico Sydney City	8
Manis Lamond Canberra	8
David Batten St George	7
Chris Kalantzis Olympic	7
Chris Polias St George	6
Randall Easthorpe Penrith	6
Leon Gardikiotis Olympic	5
Claudio Gioffetelli Canberra	5

NEXT WEEKS MATCHES:

Wednesday, 2/5/84
LEICHHARDT v SYDNEY CITY
Friday, 4/5/84
ST GEORGE v PENRITH
Saturday, 5/5/84
NEWCASTLE v MELITA EAGLES
A.I.S. v CROATIA
Sunday, 6/5/84
BLACKTOWN v OLYMPIC
LEICHHARDT v CROATIA
MARCONI v WOLLONGONG
SYDNEY CITY v CANBERRA

NATIONAL YOUTH LEAGUE TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
A.I.S.	8	5	2	1	21	6	12
St George	9	6	0	3	26	21	12
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Melita Eagles	8	4	2	2	14	14	10
Blacktown	9	4	2	3	9	11	10
Canberra	9	4	1	4	21	17	9
Newcastle	8	3	3	2	8	7	9
Penrith	8	3	2	3	18	16	8
Leichhardt	8	3	2	3	10	11	8
Sydney City	6	3	1	2	15	13	7
Marconi	9	2	3	4	13	17	7
Croatia	9	2	0	7	10	23	4
Wollongong	8	1	0	7	11	23	2

STATE LEAGUE IN VIC'

With the largely State League enforced Victorian team away in Northern NSW at the weekend to play one of the matches organised to celebrate the centenary of Victorian Soccer, there were no State League games last weekend.

Fawkner head the table with 11 points, followed by Polonia on 10, and they remain the only undefeated teams in the competition after six completed rounds.

Making up the top four are Box Hill and Frankston Pines with 9 points each followed by Western Suburbs with 8.

The all-important first division games went on as scheduled, however, and Italian club Thomastown head the ladder after round seven.

Thomastown overcame the sending off of star Nino DiMartino to win 2-0 against Altona City and keep a one point break at the top ahead of North Dandenong.

Under-rated Moreland were the biggest winners of the weekend with a resounding 4-0 win over bottom side Richmond.

North Dandenong won by the odd goal in five in a thriller at home to Bell Park to stay on the leaders tails with ten points.

Of the four sides just off the lead on nine points only Sunbury lost, 1-0 at Nunawading City.

Springvale turned their best display of the year to win 3-0 away against Werribee.

DIVISION ONE RESULTS:

WERRIBEE 0 — SPRINGVALE 3
MORELAND 4 — RICHMOND 0
DONCASTER ROVERS 2 — MELBOURNE 4
KEW PARK RANGERS 0 — ALTONA GATE 1
NORTH DANDENONG 3 — BELL PARK 2
NUNAWADING CITY 1 — SUNBURY 0
THOMASTOWN 2 — ALTONA CITY 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Thomastown	7	5	1	1	14	7	11
North Dandenong	7	5	0	2	12	11	10
Springvale	7	4	1	2	15	8	9
Melbourne	7	3	3	1	11	7	9
Sunbury	7	3	3	1	11	7	9
Altona Gate	7	4	1	2	7	5	9
Moreland	7	4	0	3	14	9	8
Nunawading	7	3	1	3	11	11	7
Kew Park Rangers	7	1	4	2	6	7	6
Werribee	7	2	2	3	6	8	6
Doncaster	7	2	0	5	14	14	4
Altona City	7	1	2	4	7	13	4
Bell Park	7	1	2	4	5	15	4
Richmond	7	1	0	6	3	14	2

Games This Week

STATE LEAGUE

KNOX CITY v CROYDON CITY
ST ALBANS v MORWELL FALCONS
BOX HILL v FRANKSTON PINES
DOVETON v BROADMEADOWS
POLONIA MARIBYRNONG v ALBION ROVERS
FAWKNER v RINGWOOD CITY
WESTERN SUBURBS v NORTHCOTE CITY

DIVISION ONE

SPRINGVALE CITY v MORELAND
SUNBURY v DONCASTER ROVERS
BELL PARK v WERRIBEE
ALTONA GATE v THOMASTOWN
RICHMOND v NUNAWADING CITY
ALTONA CITY v NORTH DANDENONG
MELBOURNE v KEW PARK RANGERS

ARGENTINA LOSES THEIR FIRST MATCH

About 500 spectators watched Argentina going down for the first time this season. Argentina lost by a single goal to Colo Colo.

ARGENTINA 0 — COLO COLO 1

The goal for the winners was scored in the 10th minute of the match by Daniel Irizar.

In the second period Daren, of Argentina, nearly equalised when he stamped the ball on the cross bar, in the 15th minute of the second half.

Then the Colo Colo goalkeeper, G. Araya, saved his goal when L. Varela challenged him with a great shot that eventually was turned away for a corner.

Argentina combined well in a good move by Daren, Varela and Martinez, who shot first time, but his shot grazed the crossbar and finished behind the net.

At this stage Argentina were attacking more, but the draw eluded them.

For Argentina Robert Guzman was outstanding, while 16 year-old Oscar Barrasa and gaolie Araya were best for the winners.

DANIEL IRIZAR

INTER URBAN

Reported By: CARLOS "PELUCA" GIERKE

CHULLORA 0 — MADEIRA 5

Two goals in the 1st half, by De Melo, and another three in the second period, by Manuel, who helped himself to a brace of goals, and by Cheres, put Chullora on their knees.

With 4 wins under their belts, and 24 goals for, against only 5, Chullora were not up to scratch against this team.

The Agenor Muniz coached, and Pace-setter, Madeira, now will meet Hajduk Rangers in the coming round at their 'home' ground, and the Portuguese team is expected to add another two points from this match, although Hajduk is considered to be more worthy opponents than Chullora.

CHILE SPORT 0 — GREEN VALLEY 1

When the match between Chile Sport and Green Valley seemed destined for a goalless draw, Green Valley managed to net the all important goal that gave the two valuable points against Chile Sport.

Chile Sport had quite a few chances to tie up the match, but their strikers missed these chances from close range.

J. Martinez shot too weakly when after beating three defenders, he came one on one with the Green Valley goalkeeper.

In the second half, Pena hit the crossbar with a great shot from a free kick.

But it was Green Valley who had the last laugh when on a break in the last minute the Chile Sport goalkeeper, A Wasalek, had to pick the ball from his net.

We wish to apologise for a mis-print appearing in our issue Vol.2 No.13.

Andrea Zinni is Brunswick Juventus' striker, not Adelaide City as shown (page 11).

The N.S.L. deferred match between **Sydney City** and **Newcastle** will be played at St George Stadium on Wednesday 9th May at 7.45 pm

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NSW STATE LEAGUE

Manly must have thought they were marching at the Anzac Day march, the way they went through the Avala team, scoring 8 goals without reply at Knight Park.

This win takes Manly to the top spot, shared with Monaro, both teams on 10 points, but with the goal difference favouring Manly.

Even with Monaro on games played, as well as on games won and drawn (neither team has lost so far this season), Manly has the advantage of having scored 16 goals and conceded only 2, the team that has suffered the least number of goals in the competition.

Against this, Monaro has scored 19, but had 9 goals scored against them.

Not far away, Canterbury-Marrickville kept their distance with a 1-0 win against Rockdale, the goal scored by Lou Daunis, 7 minutes before full time.

Rockdale, who started leading the competition, now drops to 3rd place with Auburn, who beat the disappointing Sutherland 1-0 at Mona Park, 1-0.

The previously lowly placed Auburn, has begun to show signs of life in a team that few people were taking seriously.

Sutherland had never in the past found Auburn such a formidable opposition, and even now, it is hard to see how a team with such players as Groome, Webber, Hesford, Schumann and all the others, could go down so miserably.

Further down the ladder, Bankstown and Warringah are the lower middle of the table teams, with Yugal, Polonia and Ku-Ring-Gai bringing up the rear, while Avala are last with only one point from a draw.

The Calendar favours Manly best, since the Avala team can hardly offer much opposition, in spite of the Marconi players now signed with the team.

At the same time, Auburn, who as said beat Sutherland, will now play Monaro, and this could give Manly the chance to extend the lead, unless Auburn's new NSL players will inject blood in the team.

Canterbury-Marrickville should consolidate their position from their encounter with Ku-Ring-Gai, while Sutherland may have the last chance of keeping up with the top four when they meet Bankstown at Seymour Shaw Park.

RESULTS:

Avala - Ku-Ring-Gai 1-3
I. Monaro - Warringah 4-1
Manly - Polonia 2-0
Auburn - S. Shire 1-0
Bankstown - Yugal 0-0
Rockdale - Canterbury 0-1

POINTS TABLE:

I. Monaro	10
Manly	10
Canterbury	8
Rockdale	7
S. Shire	7
Auburn	7
Warringah	5
Bankstown	5
Ku-Ring-Gai	4
Polonia	4
Yugal	4
Avala	1

NEXT WEEKS GAMES:

Avala v Manly
Suburn v I. Monaro
S. Shire v Bankstown
Ku-Ring-Gai v Canterbury
Polonia v Yugal
Warringah v Rockdale

N.S.W. GIVE Q'LAND A LESSON

Forget about the score. NSW gave Queensland a lesson in good, fast, modern soccer where success depends on players being fast off the mark, quick interchange of posititions, lightning speed overlapping, fast runs down the flanks that take the opposition by surprise, and all the other things that the players in Blue showed they know how to do, and the Queensland boys showed they didn't.

Reports By: Gino De la Scerri

N.S.W. 2 — QUEENSLAND 0

The defeated Queenslanders were first to adfmit how superior the NSW players were and summed it up in 'too fast, too professional'. And that's about it.

Both sides before kick off were motivated to do well Queensland especially, with their parochial outlook worthy of Joh B.P. for having only one player, Danny Wright, picked by National Coach Frank Arok, for the forthcoming tours.

NSW were also motivated. Still smarting from the 3-0 defeat suffered in Brisbane in May last year, they wanted to show that this team is a completely different thing. And that's what they did.

With last year's result in mind, although he was not then the coach, Frank Arok took no chances and plotted an 'Australia-England defensive system' and called 5 defenders for this clash at Perry Park

These were Jim Cant, Steve O'Connor, and Alex Robertson, all of Sydney City, plus David Ratcliffe for stability in the centre of the defensive line, and Graham Jennings, for mobility.

But those who because of this formation expected a tight defence at all costs had a big surprise in store, because the NSW game was played at great speed non-stop action football that often had the Queenslanders tied up in knots

The low score apart, Queensland failed to prove their point. There simply are no players that could interest a coach such as Frank Arok, a professional interested only in doing a professional job without fear or favour

This low score was rather disappointing, but had double the number of goals been scored, the lesson imparted to the Queensland side would not have been any clearer

That lesson is that, with Australia's humble part-time set up, the team picked by Arok to face Manchester United and the other teams, is made up of the best players available.

But let not this be misconstrued as meaning that what we have is better than nothing What we have is of quite a good standard, and it will be better, with the inclusion of players from Victoria. But frankly, from Queensland, there could be no players other than that already mentioned, danny Wright. That is the whole point. point.

In fact, with the defensive line already mentioned, with Joe Watson midfielder and with John Kosmina and Marshall Soper the two pronged striking combination, the Queenslanders, even on paper, were beaten before the match kicked off.

On the [illegible] that looked good on paper, proved much better in practice.

This was acknowledged by the local spectators, even before it was acknowledged by the local press.

When Joe Watson was replaced by Slater late in the match, this very clever Sydney City midfielder was given a round of applause by the great sporting public of Brisbane, as he was leaving the field

The game itself was fast from start to finish, but this speed was dictated by the players in blue; their opponents did only the chasing; and the number of reasonably good actions by Queensland could be counted on the fingers of one hand.

In the other camp, Jim Cant played 90 minutes of non-stop football, O'Connor was a herculean tower of strength, Watson dazzled the spectators with his deft touches of the ball, Jennings took the ball up with the speed of a road-runner that left the Queensland players that were supposed to stop him gasping for breath, and Soper and Kosmina left a lasting impression of a perfect striking duo that were just too beautiful to watch

What did Queensland have to offer against this? Russel Stewart even came close to earning the name of the villain because of his rough handling of the game, especially where Raskopoulos was concerned, with whom this Brisbane Lions player seemed engaged in some personal feud.

The NSW team as now coached by Frank Arok is the team that can give us the best guarantee that we can figure well against the visiting teams.

So let us forget all about any narrow parochial bigotry, and let us support the team that the National Coach is bulding and, whatever the coming results, let us show that Australian Soccer is not the backyard Soccer the rest of the world may think it still is

QUEENSLAND: *Wishart, Perry, Hunter, Liddell, Niven, R.Stewart, Pimblett, J.Stewart, Mountford, Daunt, McDonagh.*
On the bench: *Jackson, Ogden, Woodruff.*
N.S.W.: *Greedy, Cant, Jennings, Robertson, Ratcliffe, O'Connor, Watson, Raskopoulos, Kosmina, Soper, Ian Gray.*
On the bench: *McCulloch, Slater, Pazzano.*
GOALS: *Soper 40, Kosmina 48.*
REFEREE: *Alan Kibbler.*

Daunt, wins this header from Ratcliffe (No.5) thanks to his greater height.

DRAW MAKES ALL HAPPY

A 20th minute goal by Des Marton, who returned to his best, gave St George false hopes of coming out of the tunnel after five rounds, from which they could chalk up only three points. But Croatia (Sydney), very much in the doldrums, had other ideas.

Croatia (Syd) 1 — St George 1

To say that in these last few weeks St George have not been doing too well, is an understatement. Even their coach, Frank Arok, must have had moments of despair.

It is true that they had been hit by injuries, but even so, the team had enough good players to make them perform better. The truth is that they could not find enough space around them to work the ball in a position where the players could have a crack at goal.

But in the 20th minute of their match against bottom of the table, Sydney Croatia, their star wizard, Dez Marton, invented a move to play out of action Croatia's last defender, and then raced on to place the ball in the back of the net, eluding Watson's attempt to block his way.

This looked very pretty, and very promising. But apart form a great display, St George could produce no more goals.

The joy, in fact, lasted only a few minutes, till Wally Savor did everything himself, and equalised in the 27th minute.

How Savor could dribble past three St George defenders, that line of defense known for giving away very little, is a marvel in itself.

But in the second half, St George attacked for most of the time, forcing Croatia's goalkeeper, Steve Watson to make a number of difficult saves.

After the match, Arok expressed satisfaction, perhaps seeing signs that the worst is over for his team.

New Croatia coach Mick Jones, who replaced Atti Abonyi, was just as happy, perhaps thankful that his team did not, at least, lose again.

And with Arok happy, and Jones happy, it seems that for once, everybody was happy.

But in Round 10 it is more likely that it will be the National Coach who will be the happier man of the two, when St George meets Penrith and Croatia has to meet Leichhardt.

CROATIA: *Watson, Woods, Tomasich, Drinkwater, Vidaic, Meades, Borges, Boden, Savor, Arnold, Clinch. (Kirwan replaced Clinch, 79)*
ST GEORGE: *Greedy, Ricoy, Koczka, Ratcliffe, M. O'Shea, Stone, J. O'Shea, Barton, Slater, Petkovski, Marton. (Danaskos replaced Ricoy, 85)*
GOALS: *Marton 20 (St George), Savor 27 (Croatia)*
REFEREE: *D. Rennie*
CROWD: *3,685*

SHARE POINTS — IN POOR SHOW

While Sydney players were engaged in giving Queensland a lesson in Modern Football, and the Australian conference teams had a rest day on Sunday. Melita and Penrith had the stage all to themselves. But these performers did not give a very good show.

MELITA 1 — PENRITH 1

Of particular interest in this match was the old Melita trio of Paul Daley, Don Campbell and Mike Cross, three ex-Melita players now with Penrith and therefore playing against their 'old' team.

All three played well, and did their best to give Melita a hard time.

The first 45 minutes were very hectic, with all players on both sides never sparing themselves for a moment. Wothespoon and defender Donald Campbell stood out for Penrith. All the Melita players played well.

But soon the match deteriorated and Referee Peter Rampley had his hands full trying to keep control fo the match. When the match took on this new aspect, there was little good football to be seen by either side.

Melita are now at their second consecutive draw, following the Good Friday match when they were also held to an identical draw by Wollongong.

Of Penrith, on the other hand, one can say that against Melita this team came back from the dead, after being burried 7-1 by Marconi the week before.

Melita could have clinched both points as they had the better chances, especially through Billy Griffiths, who repeatedly came face to face with the Penrith goalkeeper, each time missing the opportunity to put the ball where it belongs.

Penrith shook Melita with a 16 minute goal when Roy Cotton was ready to slot the ball home after Melita goalie, Alex McPherson lost the ball after stopping it on a free kick.

Melita equalised in the 20th minute with a great goal by Ray Farrugia.

Melita now share 1st place with Blacktown in the Australian Conference on 12 points, but these last two draws may have halted their momentum somewhat.

Their next match in round 10, against Brisbane City in Brisbane is not one that promises too well for that momentum to be resumed in this round, and on paper, the best result one can see for Melita is a draw.

Penrith, as said, came back from a sound defeat and could resume their previous reasonably good march.

But they too have a hard match coming up, and it's quite likely the Westerners will have to wait another round before they can resume that march, as in the coming round their opponents are St George, themselves hell-bent on regaining their recently dented prestige.

MELITA: *McPherson, McAusland, Tredinnick, McGinn, Wilson, Allan, Jamieson, Davies, Farrugia, Duarte, Griffiths. (Johnston replaced Farrugia, 46)*
PENRITH: *Gibson, Brogan, Cross, Daley, Campbell, Wothespoon, Ainsworth, Nix, Hunter, Cotton, Fitzharris.*
GOALS: *Cotton 16 (Penrith) Farrugia 24 (Melita).*
REFEREE: *K. Small*
CROWD: *1,800.*

1— Queensland Coach, Bruce Stowell.
2— An easy save by Wishart, the Queensland keeper.
3— John Stewart stops John Kosmina in this action.
4— Ian Gray (centre), Raskopoulos (No.8) and John Kosmina (right) with Queensland's Russell Stewart and Pimblett (dark strip) in an action from the match at Perry Park, last Sunday.
5— John Kosmina shows all the power of the NSW striker in this picture as he goes around Russell Stewart.
6— Alan Niven (No.6) and Hunter (on ground) of Queensland, cannot stop Joe Watson as Kosmina (No.9) looks on. Watson was greatly admired in Brisbane, and was given a round of applause by the Brisbane sporting public when he left the ground.
7— Robertson (left) passes the ball sideways to Jim Cant, at right, almost with indifference, while Queensland's Calvin Daunt, tries to get in the action.

CITY PROVE TOO GOOD FOR PANTHERS

As we forecast last week, Sydney City were too good for Blacktown, and stopped the spectacular march of the last weeks by the Western Club.

Sydney City 4 — Blacktown 0

The superiority of the Sydney City team was too great to allow for much comment on the game.

It is not that one would have liked to see Blacktown sink much deeper, but it was a little annoying to see so many good chances by Sydney City, especially by Will Murray in the second half, go to waste.

Had these excellent chances been converted in goals, Blacktown could have been beaten by at least double the final score.

Sydney City put their first goal on the score board in the 5th minute. A free-kick on the left flank, taken by Joe Watson who lobbed the ball in front of Hoare, a square meter of ground where there were no Sydney City players, and consequently ignored by the Blacktown defenders.

But as soon as the ball left Watson's foot, there comes Kosmina to meet it and, undisturbed and unmarked, the Sydney City striker leaves Hoare spell-bound. That's football!

In the 20th minute Sydney City missed the first chance to increase the lead.

Grant Lee, in my book the best player in a team of good players, played around the Blacktown defense and then crossed to Gomez on the left; a good header, by the latter, but the ball just misses the bar.

Gomez robbed a ball by stretching his foot and sent the ball right. There's a centre, followed by a great shot by Lee that Hoare just manages to punch over the bar in a great save for corner.

Hardly the time to note this down when Murray headed into the Blacktown net.

In the 33rd minute, Jim Cant took the ball from Wheatley, who was trying to go past Kay. Cant runs away with the ball then shoots. The ball hits the post and finishes behind the line.

In the 44th minute Sydney City takes a corner, great shot by John Kosmina, and Selvage saved on the line with Hoare beaten hands down.

Barry Hoare
Blacktown City Goalkeeper

Sydney City 'New Boy'
Fullback, Falconer

On the resumption Blacktown come alive and Sydney City find Lady Luck on their side.

First there's a good move started by Sandy on the break and a good cross by Larkin to Quarmby, a replacement, who sends over the bar with a header. Then, a shot by Larkin bounces off his team mate, Quarmby and returns to Larkin. Blacktown's Will-O-The-Wisp winger shoots for the second time, the ball bounces back off the upright, just as Pezzano turns around to see what happened, and the Sydney City goalkeeper finds the ball in his arms.

In the 58th minute there's a beautiful Sydney City action from Gomez, Kosmina and Watson, who centres for Lee. Lee shoots well, but hits the cross bar. From the rebound the ball comes to Kay who heads over the bar.

Then Murray misses with a diagonal shot, and soon after there's a foul on Gomez inside the box. It looked like a penalty but the referee did not see the infringement.

In the 70th minute, Lee, very suspiciously in off side position, receives a good pass. The Sydney City striker races with the ball then squares for Murray who side foots the ball into the back of the net.

And what a pity that De Marigny, who replaced Gomez, shot high, to spoil one of the best moves of the day started by Kosmina and finished by Murray!

In the 83rd minute, Blacktown, in one of their rare counter attacks, missed the best chance of all, when from two steps away, Selvage shot to the sky.

Then there was another good save by Hoare on a free kick taken by Paul Kay, when Fletcher was brought down just outside the 'box'; and soon after, another chance is wasted by Sydney City when Murray tried to walk the ball into the net.

The same Will Murray lost another two sure chances after this, and then O'Connor, feeling bored defending his area when there was nothing to defend there, came up and headed the ball backwards into the Blacktown net to close the tally.

"Did the team perform as well as in the last successful outings?" we asked Blacktown boss, Casey De Bruin after the game.

The Blacktown coach put on a brave front on the whole thing, and said, "Well below".

Was the result due to an off day of his players, or because the opposition was (so) superior?

To this Mr De Bruin said that it was both, and added that his team had allowed their opponents to play.

Was there a lesson to be learned? Oh, yes. There has to be better preparation, better attitude towards the game. Mr De Bruin was disappointed, but there was no cause for drama. These things will be remedied.

Perhaps, but so far I have yet to see the team to stand up to this Sydney City outfit, who have scored 16 goals against 4 in the seven games they played so far, the only team in both 'conferences' still unbeaten, and the only team who has dropped three points for three draws.

Blacktown? A good, almost provincial team on its best day. But after Sydney City there looms another awesome Opposition — Olympic. Round 10 couldn't be a very good round for a Blacktown come-back.

SYDNEY CITY: *Pezzano, Falconer, Robertson, O'Connor, Cant, Kay, Watson, Gomez, Lee, Kosmina, Murray. (Fletcher replaced Lee, De Marigny replaced Gomez, 71)*

BLACKTOWN: *Hoare, Wheatley, Rasmussen, Dunleavy, Pointer, Selvage, McLaughlin, Byrne, Sandy, Larkin, Eaton. (Quarmby replaced Eaton 46, Thornthwaite replaced Rasmussen, 81)*

GOALS: *Kosmina 5, Murray 31, 70, O'Connor 88.*

REFEREE: *G. Power*

CROWD: *1150*

John Kosmina (left) shoots at goal for Sydney City, in spite of the tight marking of Rasmussen, of Blacktown.

Barry Hoare punches a ball away from a group of players.

MARCONI HOLD THE FORT

Following two devastating wins in which Marconi scored 13 goals, the Fairfielders managed to hold the better quoted Sydney Olympic to a 2 all draw.

OLYMPIC 2 — MARCONI 2

As forecast, this match was expected to be quite a different hurdle from the two previous games for the Scheinflug boys, and considering the quality of the opposition, Marconi did very well.

It must also be pointed out that Marconi played the last 23 minutes with 10 men, because of the expulsion of Rizzotto in the 67th minute.

Both teams had their eyes on the points table, and good football was the big casualty because of this.

How much this was so can be seen from the many bad fouls committed by the players of both teams, and the eventual hard work done by the umpire, Referee Peter Rampley who had his hands full trying to keep control of the match.

For Marconi, Jankovics was the architect of the draw; while for Olympic, Theodorokopoulos, who, among other things, opened the score for the home side, left a very good impression.

First to come close to goal was Marconi's wingman, Rod Brown, who, with a good shot on the turn, grazed the upright in the 11th minute.

But three minutes later, a long through ball from Phillips, found Koussas in a good position to pass the ball to Theodorokopoulos, who headed well into the net defended by James.

Now Olympic tried to push their advantage, Katholos sowed some havoc in the Marconi area, but the Fairfielders defence held well.

In the 16th minute, the teams were on equal terms.

This goal was 'made' by Lowe, who blazed a trail down the right flank, then squared the ball for Rod Brown.

The Marconi wingman missed the ball completely, but this came to Jankovics just a step behind him, and the blond striker put the ball to rest in the back of the net.

Only 8 minutes passed when Marconi took the lead through a goal by McCulloch.

The action again started with Lowe who with the heel of his boot, gave the ball to Jankovics.

This time Jankovics made good use of a pass to McCulloch, who on the run saw Meier beaten for the second time.

With only a few minutes left of the first half, Marconi were confident they will return to the dressing room in the lead, and were off guard when James dropped a ball that then finished in corner.

From the flag kick Coady passed the ball to Koussas who beat James to score the last goal of the match.

Olympic were denied what looked like a penalty when Patikas was brought down. But Mr Rampley gave only a free kick.

Marconi escaped also when saved by the 'woodwork' on a great first-time shot by Katholos.

Towards the end Brown was whistled off side when a free kick taken by Jankovics to McCulloch was saved by the Olympic wall but the ball going to Brown, who sent it in Meier's net.

The 2 all result was on the whole a just result.

Marconi now meet Wollongong, a tricky side, but not strong enough to hold the Fairfielders now that Marconi are in form.

Olympic's next fixture against Blacktown is a little harder, but here too, Olympic are expected to take the points.

David Lowe, who has now blended in with Marconi, goes around Phillips, of Olympic.

OLYMPIC: *Meier, Lambropoulos, Jennings, Dakos, Theodorokopoulos, Katholos, Koussas. (Naumov replaced Dakos 50)*

MARCONI: *James, Carter, Rizzotto, McCulloch, Henderson, Calderan, Mason, Lowe, Brown, Jankovics, Sharne. (Mariani replaced Sharen 25)*

GOALS: *Theodorokopoulos 14, Koussas 42, (Olympic); Jankovics 24, McCulloch 32, (Marconi).*

REFEREE: *P. Rampley*

CROWD: *4706*

N.S.L. AUSTRALIA CONFERENCE REPORTS

1- Rod Brown plays a ball away from Jennings who watches his move carefully.

2- Penrith puts a foot in here, Stewart Selvage is seen stretching out to have a rare shot at the Sydney City goal.

3- Hoare challenged with a header.

4- Sydney City wingman, Willie Murray tries to hold C. Dunleavy of Penrith.

5- Jankovics of Marconi, and Patikas, go up together for a ball in the midst of other players.

6- Rod Brown, of Marconi (dark shirt) is stopped in an unorthodox manner by Coady and Jennings (No.3) of Olympic.

MATCH OF THE DAY A THRILLER

WITH. GREG BLAKE

Preston Makedonia played the game of their lives to upset South Melbourne Hellas 2-1 in the Melbourne match of the day at Middle Park on Sunday.

S.M. HELLAS 1 — P. MAKEDONIA 2

Despite being out-played for much of the 90 minutes, having Claude Lucchesi sent off just after half time and carrying an injured Robbie Dunn for some 30 minutes, Makedonia held on to win a tense, tough and thrill packed encounter.

Preston had taken the lead inside the first two minutes through Dunn, but Hellas struck back after Luchessi's dismissal just after half time and looked set to take the match.

Instead Makedonia rallied, with the injured Dunn, the brilliant Steve Potter and George McMillon the stars, and went ahead agian through Zoran Illioski before hanging on in a tight finish.

McMillan, played as sweeper stopped just about everything that came his way, whilst Dunn, carried off at the half time break, returned to the field to play for some 25 minutes with a shin injury that needed half a dozen stitches.

Goalkeeper, Potter was brave, agile and dominated his penalty area in another fine display that prompted coach Peter Ollerton to call for his inclusion in the national squad.

Preston, whose coach Peter Ollerton was as close to losing his position as he will ever be after a home defeat against Canberra only seven days before, saw his charges fight tooth and nail against all the ods to win a memorable encounter.

In contrast, star-studded South Melbourne Hellas showed no taste for the fight at all and, with only one win in their last six games, it is now their coach Len McKendry who is living on the razors edge.

Hellas supporters booed McKendry and president Leo Anezakis after the game. Hellas, despite a number of winners on the day, didn't show the committment of the do-or-die Preston players, and, Charlie Egan aside, showed very little where it counted up forward.

Egan did his best but had no support, Blair tried all day, but it was their youngsters who impressed in Sunday's game.

John Kanasoulis was the best, having a fine game against the master Odzakov.

Mark Turudia, despite having his initial mistake leading to the first goal, did well and little Con Kiakos ran his heart out.

Indeed Hellas probablv had the better of this game but Makedonia, as in the last twenty minutes of the week before against Canberra, when the going got tough, fought like men possessed.

The loss of Lucchesi seemed to spur them rather than deter them and they taught Hellas a valuable lesson in fighting qualities.

The match began in sensational fashion as Makedonia forced the early pace and were rewarded with a 1-0 lead inside two minutes.

Odzakov's header was taken by the diving Turudia but as the young Hellas keeper hit the ground he lost his grip on the ball and Dunn was on hand to toe poke the ball into the net.

Lucchesi had a 'goal' ruled offside five minutes later as Makedonia took advantage of a shaky Hellas start but Hellas, with a winning midfield, composed themselves and began to return the fire.

The next 20 minutes saw Hellas produce their best football for the game.

A lovely run and cross from Egan saw Brown head inches over the crossbar, a spectacular run from the back by Kalafatidis and pass to Brown was just cut out by Dunn and a lovely one-two between Brown and Egan produced a fine save from Potter after Brown's final close-range shot.

Two minutes after the interval brought the contraversy of the match when Makedonia were reduced to 10 men with the perhaps unjustified dismissal of Claude Lucchesi.

Lucchesi tangled with Steve Blair and neither looked particularly menacing in the tackle as Blair brought his man down and Lucchesi seemingly tried to lift his leg over Blair as he tried to regain his footing.

Referee Stuart Mellings saw the incident differently and Lucchesi was sent off.

Two minutes later, almost unbelievably, Hellas' Bobby Russell was claring off his line from George Campbell but the home side hit back at the other end within a minute to tie the scores up at 1-1.

Brown's shot was saved by Potter but Carl Holford followed up the rebound and, it seemed, the match was at the mercy of Hellas.

McMillan was forced to clear off his line six minutes later but just as it seemed Hellas were going to take over, this was the signal for Makedonia to pull out all stops.

With Potter and Co. doing their jobs at the back, Makedonia waited patiently for any breaks that came their way and one did in the shape of a corner with twenty minutes left on the clock.

Campbell took the corner and Cole, on the near post, smacked a header off the bar to where Illioski was waiting with a shot that was knocked off the line by Blair.

But no mistake the second time as Illioski headed it back past the floundering Blair to make it 2-1.

Preston coach Peter Ollerton said it was definately their best win of the season.

"The players realised they have to produce a lot more than they have been after we spent this week talking together and trying to sort out our problems", he said.

"Today when the chips were down we knew we had to do extra work to get a result.

"I think when a side has six or seven stars playing in it they tend to forget about work rate sometimes, but our players did the work today.

"They know that we are having a long, hard look at some of them after some disappointing performances.

Ollerton said he believed results over the next month or so would determine his position as club coach after supporters had called for his dismissal the previous week.

"As always, everybody will be happy if we keep winning," he explained.

Ollerton, although disappointed at Lucchesi's sending off at a crucial time in the game (Ollerton believes a dressing down by the referee would have been sufficient), was more interested in praising his side and in particular goalkeeper, Steve Potter.

"I really cannot see why he is not on the national team list," he said.

"I believe he is better than the players selected but I think Frank (Arok) is having a look at him so it is up to the player to keep putting in some good performances."

HELLAS: *Turudia, Russell, Kalafatidis, Blair, Yzendoorne, Kanasoulis, Halford, Kiakos (Coastaglou), Murphy, Egan, Brown.*
BEST PLAYERS: Kanasoulis, Egan, Turudia, Blair.
MAKEDONIA: *Potter, Opasinis, Petrovski, Dobson, McMillan, Illioski, Dunn (Heys), Odzakov, Lucchesi (sent off 47), Campbell, Cole.*
BEST PLAYERS: Potter, McMillan, Petrovski, Dunn.
REFEREE: *S. Mellings*
CROWD: *App. 8,000*

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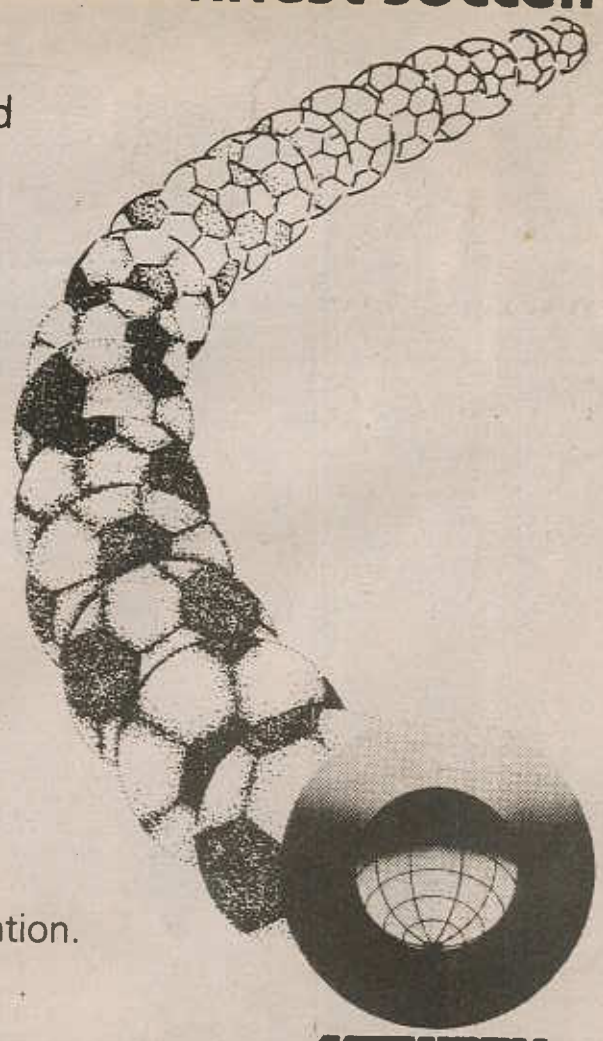

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1- Tony Morsello, of Leichhardt (centre) tries to work his way in between Bob Mountford, (left) and Steve Perry.

2- John Bradley and Bobby Hamilton, of Brisbane City, chase John Bradley (left) who is on the run with the ball.

3- Four players go for one ball! South Melbourne's Russell and Yzendoorn, can do nothing to stop McMillan, who gets a lift on team-mate Dunne, on this header.

4- Doug Brown, of South Melbourne (light strip) on the break.

5- Charlie Egan, of South Melbourne tries to dribble past Opasinis of Preston.

6- Another action from the Preston — South Melbourne match.

7- Illioski (No.4) heads in Preston's second goal.

"FANTASTIC" SAYS COACH!

Ian Gray, (dark strip) holds Frank Mengotti away, as the Brisbane City player tries to go around him.

Nobody at Schintler Reserve last Sunday had more praise for Heidelberg, easy 3-0 winners over Footscray JUST, than the JUST coach Cedo Circovic.

Circovic described the Heidelberg performance as "fantastic" and said he would be proud if they were his team.

And proud Heidelberg should have been after a very convincing win confirming their surprise second place on the National Conference Table.

Heidelberg, written off pre-season after the loss of a number of experienced stars, have confounded the critics by making every post a winner and taking ten points from their last six games.

JUST went into the match without the most consistant player Gary McDowell who was out injured and then put themselves further behind the eight ball when Joe Carroll had himself sent off after 28 minutes for swearing at the referee.

But I don't doubt it would have made much difference to the result.

Heidelberg, with Paul Tzintzis playing his first full game and former Croydon player Steve Marley making his debut, were brilliant.

Heidelberg were 3-0 up at the interval and were unlucky not the go on with the job after the break.

Tzintzis and his fellow forwards were tremendous, the midfield was in control with Selemidis playing a fine captains game and the defence was never in trouble.

JUST created only one real scoring chance, through Paton, for the whole game. They missed McDowell but Circovic has plenty of work to do. If not for their defence, who carried the team on Sunday, they would have been crushed absolutely.

Theo Selemidis opened the scoring after 22 minutes from a direct free kick on the edge of the area and three minutes later JUST lost any chance they may have had with the loss of Carroll.

Patterson made it 2-0 in the 28th minute from a Steve Winn corner dropped by Denis Boland, back in the JUST goal for the first time this season, and he was able to slam the ball home.

Two minutes from half time Heidelberg all but confirmed JUST's fourth home loss of the season when they went 3-0 up thanks to the goal of the game from Tzintzis as he drove home a low cross from Don Macleod.

Heidelberg took advantage of ten man JUST again in the second half to dominate the match without capitalising up forward.

The nearest they came was in the 72nd minute when Valentine hit the post.

Circovic, although full of praise for his team's conquerers, was very disappointed at the result in only his second match back as coach.

"I must put much of the blame on Carroll for getting sent off," he told me.

"It was 1-0 to Heidelberg when he went off for a silly action and I will talk to the player this week and I may punish him with a fine."

"I just hope it will be the last red card for a JUST player this year", Circovic said.

"Last week we were very good in Brisbane but today we missed one of our best players there in Gary McDowell."

"But we have no excuses."

Circovic said he knew he had a very hard job in front of him at JUST.

"I thought long and hard about rejoining the club," he said.

"But pressure from all my friends at the club convinced me to return and I just hope that with the help and support of all those people we can do something."

HEIDELBERG 3 — FOOTSCRAY JUST 0

JUST: *Boland, Circovic, Hazabent, Kyriakouleas, Tutill, Belic, Tansey, Carroll (sent off 26), Paton, Lujic, O'Donnell.*
BEST PLAYERS: Hazabent, Tutill, O'Donnell.
HEIDELBERG: *Olver, McKie, Yankos, Macleod, Marley, Valentine, Selemidis, Tzintzis, Winn, Peterson, Patterson.*
BEST PLAYERS: McKie, Yankos, Selemidis, Tzintzis, Winn, Peterson.
REFEREE: *Upjohn*
CROWD: *App. 3,000*

YOUTH STRIKES

In the only match in Melbourne on Anzac Day a memorable goal from young Andrew Zinni gave Juventus a 1-0 win over Brisbane Lions and a firm footing at the head of the National Conference table.

JUVENTUS 1 — BRISBANE LIONS 0

The stirring solo goal to set the match alight can only strengthen Zinni's claim for a place in the full national team for the matches against the five overseas touring teams next month.

Although Juventus were somewhat disappointing against an unlucky Lions side, it must be pleasing for the league leaders to know that they can still win when down on form.

Even more consoling is the knowledge that they have a player in Zinni capable of turning a game off his own boot, as he did on Wednesday.

Zinni's moment of magic came 18 minutes from time as he nipped in from the left, rode a tackle in his spectacular run, before unleashing a tremendous drive that crashed past Wayne Evans from all of 25 yards.

Juventus, as league leaders, were a little disappointing, but they will hold their break at the top so long as the teams below them continue to show only flashes of form.

Although good, Juventus are not a great side, but there are none better at the moment in the National Conference.

On Wednesday, in a lack-lustre game where goal chances were few and far between, Lions matched it every step of the way, led well by defenders Roddy Vasquez and Alan Hunter.

Harry Hird was the Juventus hero clearing efforts from Russell Stewart and Calvin Daunt off the line late in the game.

Other better players for Juventus were Zinni, for his match-winning effort alone, Richard Miranda and Billy Rogers.

GREG BLAKE'S ROUND-UP

Are Brunswick Juventus going to shock the soccer community by running away with the National Conference title at their very first attempt?

Or can the young Heidelberg side sustain their recent outstanding form and pose a real threat to the top sides?

Or will West Adelaide continue to take all before them and whip the Victorian Club's title hopes out from under their noses?

They are the three serious questions posed after round nine of the National Conference of the National League.

Pre-season 'Flash Freddie' the bookie would have given 1,000 to 1 against those three sides holding down the top three places on the conference table after nearly a third of the league season had gone.

And yet that is the situation.

I certainly didn't rate any of the trio title contenders but all have shown, beyond doubt, they are in the championship race to stay.

Juventus are clear leaders with an imposing record against the so-called top sides.

Heidelberg have sustained a wonderful run to second place with a side I said, after seeing them first match of the season, would be hard pressed to escape the drop.

West Adelaide, fresh from their weekend triumph of a magnificent 7-0 win over Sunshine George Cross, are now shaping as a real danger.

It must be remembered it was only six days previously that Sunshine George Cross had gone to Middle Park and knocked off South Melbourne Hellas.

But then again, everybody is doing it these days.

The leading trio have 13, 11 and 10 points respectively. Then follow Preston, Melbourne Croatia and Brisbane City all on nine.

Makedonia, with their backs to the wall, came out fighting at Middle Park on Sunday, and despite playing a man short for nearly 45 minutes, beat Hellas 2-1.

Peter Ollerton and his men live to fight another day and I wouldn't write them off yet either.

Brisbane City and Croatia have both been found wanting at some stage or other but are still in the race.

South Melbourne, who are almost everybodys chopping block these days, have fallen into the lower half of the table along with Adelaide City on eight points each.

And, yes, I have jumped off the Hellas band-wagon, although I do believe they have the depth of talent there to pull out of what was once a slump but is quickly becoming a crash dive.

Lions and the improving Green Gully have seven points, followed by Footscray JUST on six and Sunshine George Cross, on the bottom, with four.

Who would have thought that match of the day for round ten would have been the Heidelberg — Juventus clash?

ACTION FROM CANBERRA

Revamped Ajax take the City by surprise

At Green Gully Reserve, Jimmy Shoulder's new, improved Ajax side beat Adelaide City 2-1 in an entertaining clash.

GREEN GULLY 2 — ADELAIDE CITY 1

Green Gully dominated the first half with mid-week signing, former Victorian Rothmans Medallist Bobby McGuiness, scoring both the goals as they set up a half time 2-0 lead.

Adelaide City hit back after the break but only managed a consolation penalty for all their efforts.

After his ill-fated $25,000 transfer to South Melbourne Paul Lewis made his return to the Ajax side as substitute after being re-signed last week.

But it was former Hellas, Juventus and Adelaide City striker, Bobby McGuiness who did the star turn in his debut for Green Gully on Sunday with a pair of goals.

McGuiness was signed from State League club Morwell Falcons for $7,000 last week.

The young but talented Adelaide City were not unimpressive on Sunday, but despite an outstanding game from Serg Melta they could not get into the game thanks largely to some lack-lustre work in front of goals.

The equally as young Green Gully are improving as the weeks go by and Les Carter was their best player in a handy win.

Carter created much of the danger for City in Green Gully's winning first half display.

In contrast City held sway for the second 45 minutes as the match took a complete turn-about.

On the half hour Ajax took the lead as Carter found Mancinelli who centred for the elusive McGuiness and the striker had all the time in the world to control the ball and score.

Three minutes later Hogben played the ball from defence and found Carter whose centre again gave McGuiness plenty of time to pick his spot and make it 2-0.

Adelaide City pulled their one back on the hour as Lou Denys bought down Mullen in the box and Melta netted the resultant penalty.

Rooney's verdict on yet another productive display from his young side was: "We're getting there."

"We've bought two players in McGuiness and Lewis to give us some pace up front where we were sorely lacking."

"Now in the space of a week we have two players and I hope I can find room for them both."

Rooney, however, is satisfied with the situation whereby there is now competition for places in the team.

"Now the players must perform to keep their places in the side," Rooney said.

That situation will improve agian in weeks to come as stars Steve Short and David Smallman return from the injured list.

On the two signings Rooney said he was pleased with the money spent.

"I never wanted to panic buy. The money was always there and I just wanted to wait for the right players to come along," he told me.

Rooney said his one disappointment on Sunday — although the result meant his side pulling clear of any immediate relegation worries — was his side's second half fade out.

"At 2-0 up we had everthing going for us," he said.

"Instead we went to pieces and for ten to fifteen minutes after the penalty we were under a lot of pressure."

"Thankfully we weathered the storm."

AJAX: *Denys, Beranic, Hogben, Mancinelli, Cannell, Wade (McLelland), Smart, Vassallo, Carter, Mc Guiness (Lewis), Williams.*
BEST PLAYERS: Carter, Vassallo, Hogben, McGuiness.

ADELAIDE CITY: *McNally, Shallabeer, Nyskohous, Cecere, Flanders, Melta, Gatenby, Lounger (De Vito), Mullen, Maxwell, Rankin.*

REFEREE: *Fokianos*

CROWD: *App. 1,000*

Greg Blake's National Conference Forecast

(with teams expected to win shown in capitals)

BRISBANE CITY v Melita Eagles
Brisbane Lions v SYDNEY CITY
HEIDELBERG v Juventus
Melbourne Croatia v SOUTH MELBOURNE H
PRESTON MAKEDONIA v Green Gully Ajax
Sunshine George Cross v Footscray Just (draw)
WEST ADELAIDE v Newcastle

Following their good win against Preston the week before, Canberra made another 'Kill' beating Melbourne Croatia 3-0.

Canberra now have an even harder tussle ahead when they travel to South Australia to meet Adelaide City, and it could be a little tough to expect any points from that match. But the team is at the height of confidence at the moment and Collins' boys will certainly try for at least a draw.

Melbourne Croatia have an even harder fixture. Their opponents will be South Melbourne, still smarting from their defeat against 10 men Preston, and this is a good opportunity for South Melbourne to make amends.

Photos: Con Kourpanidis

1-Frank Farina, the dynamic Canberra forward, goes up past Keith Adams (right) and Tony Curcio of Croatia (Melb).

2-Farina (right) as he rounds S. Parton.

3-Melb Croatia goalkeeper, Peter Blasby, intercepts a cross to Bryant of Canberra (right).

4-Roy Jones (Canberra) right with the ball, followed by Gojevic, of Croatia.

SOCCER IN GREECE

by Anthony Drivas

Last weekend in Greece, two issues were solved and two remain to be solved in the last round of the season.

Panathinaikos are Greece's new National Champions, in 1984. This follows their 2-0 home win over Panionios. And at the bottom of the table, Panserraikos are one of the two teams to get relegated, after they lost 1-0 to Aek in Athens.

So next week will determine which team finishes second, thus qualifying for the EUFA Cup next season, and also which of four teams will accompany Panserraikos to Division Two.

Panathinaikos nearly gave its supporters heart failure, until it could manage to break through in the final 70' of the game against Panionios, to record a 2-0 win, and at the same time, take out this years championship.

Earlier on, Papavasiliou of Panathinaikos crashed his penalty kick against Panionios's crossbar, thus missing a good chance to open his team's scoring.

Wild scenes followed at the end of the game as panathinaikos supporters spilt onto the streets of Athens, to celebrate their teams title win.

The battle between Iraklis and Olympiakos was also very interesting, ending in a 1-1 draw. Hatzipanayis gave Iraklis the lead, in the 26' converting from the penalty spot, after he had been brought down.

But Olympiakos managed to equalise in the 69' with Mitropoulos.

Aek beat Panserraikos 1-0, and sent them down to Division Two next season. Aek's goal was scored with a penalty in the 57'.

Doxa earnt a much needed win over Aris, beating them 1-0. The goal was scored in the 66'.

Giannina provided the shock of the day, by beating Ethnikos 2-0 away. Giannina put up a superb 2nd half display, and managed to score two goals with Alexiou.

Apollon Salonika made sure of their stay in Division One next season, following their 1-0 win over Larisa.

Nikoloudis scored the goal, early in the second half.

Egaleo beat OFI 1-0, thanks to a 7' goal by Simeoforidis. Egaleo did all the attacking in this game, and were unlucky not to score a few more goals.

In the final match of the round, Apollon Athens drew 0-0 with Paok. Both teams were interested in keeping a clean sheet, and provided a dull game for the spectators.

Next week, is the final round of the Championship, and there are several important games.

Firstly, Olympiakos who is chasing Second place, take on Panathinaikos. This derby, has had great games in the past, and this game is very promising. Because of home ground advantage, and the extra incentive, I favour Olympiakos to win.

Another big game is in Salonika, where Aris play local rivals Iraklis. Aris wil want to revenge their Cup elimination by Iraklis. But Iraklis need the points to stay in second place. At the end, I feel a draw will be the most likely result.

There are four games, whose outcome will determine who is the second team to get relegated.

Panserraikos, who are already relegated, play their last game in Division One, at home to Panionios, who may well be the team to accompany them. Panionios must win this game in order to stay up. Giannina too, must win to remain in Division One. But they have the advantage of playing at home, and smarting up from an impressive 0-2 away win over Ethnikos the previous week. So, I feel they can beat Apollon Salonika.

Egaleo play Apollon Athens in the small thenian derby. Egaleo need points, and being at home, I favour them winning, this weekend.

Doxa travel to Crete, to play OFI. A draw will assure Doxa of First Division status next season, and they must surely be able to get at least a point this week.

The remaining two games are mere formalities.

Larisa take on Aek, at Larisa, and both teams are expected to play attacking football, and satisfy the fans.

In the last game, Paok opposes Ethnikos. Both these teams have their minds set on the cup, and this week's game should end in a draw.

The Results: Round 29

Panath'kos - Panionios 2-0
Iraklis - Olympiakos 1-1
Apollon Salon - Larisa 1-0
Ethnikos - Giannina 0-2
Aek - Panserraikos 1-0
Apollon Athens - Paok 0-0
Egaleo - OFI 1-0
Doxa - Aris 1-0

Round 30 - 6/5/84

Olympiakos v Panathinaikos
Panserraikos v Panionios
Larisa v Aek
Egaleo v Apollon Athens
Paok v Ethnikos
Aris v Iraklis
OFI v Doxa
Giannina v Apollon Salonika

COMPETITION TABLE: After 29 Rounds

Panathinaikos	46
Iraklis	41
Olympiakos	41
Aris	38
Paok	34
Larisa	30
Aek	30
OFI	26
Ethnikos	25
Apollon Athens	24
Apollon Salonika	24
Doxa	23
Egaleo	23
Panionios	21
Giannina	21
Panserraikos	18

Mike Galakos, in action for Panathinaikos in a recent match. He was one of his teams best performers last week, in his team's 2-0 win over Panionios, which clinched the title for Panathinaikos.

olympiakos players celebrate their equaliser in Salonika, against Iraklis. They were unable, however, to celebrate this year's Championship, and have their sights set on second place.

Womens' Soccer

METROPOLITAN LEAGUE

In last weekend's round of the Metropolitan League. Budgewoi came back with a vengence following their 6-0 defeat the previous week at the hands of Killarney Heights.

Budgewoi broke Epping-Eastwoods (II) unbeaten Run by defeating them 2-0.

Wenty Waratahs had a very convincing 4-0 win over Prospect United. Wenty Waratahs have shown some good form and results in the Metropolitan League this year.

As they gain more experience in the League they may cause a few upsets.

Arncliffe Scots had a Bye and Killarney Heights v Epping Eastwood I was postponed as a number of players were involved in a Sydney XI team that travelled to Wollongong to play a South Coast Representative side.

It was a very successful Sydney XI side defeating the home side 6-1 in front of a very large crowd.

The high standard and the skill shown by both sides resulted in a very entertaining game.

On the day the Sydney XI side was just too good for the South Coast Team. Considering the Sydney XI have not played together prior to the game, made the result all the more impressive.

Metropolitan League Round 4

Sunday 6/5/84

Arncliffe Scots v Prospect U
WM Lawson — 12.00
Wenty Wara v Budgewoi
Centenary — 1.00pm
Epping-E II v Epping-E I
Morrison No.5 - 3.00pm
Killarney Heights — Bye

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir,

I wish to congratulate your paper on it's assistance to Women's Soccer in the form of the articles on women's soccer published every week.

As a soccer player, I find these articles to be most informative and interesting and trust that they will continue to be published in the future.

Wishing your paper success.

Judy Mewburn,
Rockdale

AUSTRALIA INVITED TO CHINA

A lot of interest has been generated lately regarding the recent announcement of the coming trip to China by the Australian National Team.

Australia, along with 15 other countries, has been invited to participate in the tournament commencing on the 14th October. There is a lot of hard work ahead for the girls to raise the funds required for the trip. You may not be aware that the national Team have to cover their own expenses for any overseas tours.

The Australian Team have not received any extra grants from the Government, despite the AWSA's (Australian Womens Soccer Association) approaching several Federal Government Departments.

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AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL TEAM

Anybody who was watching Soccer on Channel 0/28 before Easter would be forgiven if they thought the soccer being shown was a mirage!

It wasn't your imagination, highlights of a Women's International Match between Sweden and Italy were shown. I'm sure that men and women alike were amazed at the professional manner in which the teams were playing.

The result was 3-2 in favour of Sweden. The goals scored int he game would have done Brian Robson proud.

On the subject of Manchester United, Frank Stapleton (Rep of Ireland International) is not the only international in the family. His sister Eileen Stapleton is a permanent fixture in the Rep. of Ireland team. Apparently Frank learned all his soccer from his sister!!

It would be tremendous if Channell 0-28 were able to give us even a glimpse of Women's International Soccer. If teams of the calibre of Sweden and Italy are participating in the China tournament, Australia will be in for a feast of good soccer and a first ever look at the standard of the National Teams in Europe.

The trip to China will certainly be a trip of great expectations.

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The ACT Womens Soccer Association will hold a tournament on the Queens Birthday weekend.

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Tournament please contact either Heather Reid on 062-47473 (AH) or Therese Dillon on 399-6223 (AH). The closing date is May 14th.

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The Highlands Soccer Association will be staging a 7-a-side Tournament in Mittagong on the first of July.

If your club is interested please phone Therese Dillon on 399-6223 (AH). The Highlands, which is based around the Mittagong area are interested in becoming more involved in Women's Soccer in NSW.

SOCCER FEDERATION

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N.S.W. Federation Results, Tables Round Up

By: Andy Hogarth

DIV 3 GDE 2

Kingsford	6	5	0	1	27	8	10
Queens Park	5	5	0	0	18	5	10
CSI	5	4	0	1	9	5	8
C'town City	6	3	1	2	10	9	7
Bkham Hills	6	3	0	3	17	8	6
Moorebank	6	3	0	3	13	9	6
Nth Ryde	6	2	2	2	8	8	6
Pt Hacking	4	2	1	1	5	4	5
Bondi	5	0	2	3	3	7	3
King Tom	4	1	0	3	5	14	2
Mt Druitt	6	0	1	5	10	21	1
Lane Cove	5	0	1	4	3	24	1

DIV 3 GDE 3

Bkham Hls	5	4	1	0	24	2	9
Mt Druitt	6	4	1	1	22	7	9
Pt Hacking	4	3	1	0	14	5	7
C'twn City	6	2	3	1	17	9	7
Moorebank	5	3	1	1	5	3	7
Kingsford	6	3	0	3	7	13	6
Bondi	5	2	1	2	12	11	5
Queens Pk	5	1	3	1	8	8	5
CSI	5	2	0	3	10	28	4
King Tom	3	0	1	2	5	13	1
Nth Ryde	6	0	0	6	5	31	0
Lane Cove	4	0	0	4	0	0	0

FEDERATION RESULTS

STATE LEAGUE			1	2	3
	Vs	Ku-ring-gai	1-3	1-2	3-1
Monaro	Vs	Warringah-N'been	4-1	3-0	
-Warringah	Vs	Polonia	2-0	6-0	4-1
m-Uruguay	Vs	Sutherland Shire	1-0	2-2	2-3
m National	Vs	Yugal	0-0	2-0	1-0
dale Ilinden	Vs	Cant-M'ville City	0-1	4-0	1-2
DIVISION					
town Utd	Vs	Nth Bankstown	2-1	5-0	2-0
ers	Vs	Penrith United	1-0	1-0	3-0
rst 75	Vs	G'ville Hornsby	1-0	0-1	0-2
NSW	Vs	Artarmon	4-2	1-2	0-0
nsetta City	Vs	Dee Why Swans	0-5	2-6	1-3
dy Wkrs	Vs	Fairy Meadow	0-1	2-0	0-0
DIVISION					
ord	Vs	Lane Cove Utd	1-0	13-1	icft
Marine	Vs	CSI Schofield	2-1	0-1	3-4
itt Town	Vs	Moorebank-L'pool	3-2	1-3	3-1
ham Hills	Vs	King Tomislav	2-1	5-1	6-0
town City	Vs	North Ryde	1-0	0-3	6-0
acking	Vs	Queens Park	2-3	0-1	1-1

3rd Division Round Up

STEADY FORM BY KINGSFORD

Kingsford hosted Lane Cove at Prince Henry Oval last Saturday.

After a dull first half, Kingsford livened up after the break and striker Phil Kinch managed to get his head to a goalward bound shot in the 55th minute.

Kingsford creaded many chances from midfield but the forwards were unable to take advantage from their sides midfield superiority.

Lane Cove's John Cudek, doing a good job in a difficult situation.

CAMPBELLTOWN BACK IN FORM

Campbelltown City and North Ryde played a very even match at Lynwood Park.

City's Dominic Casey scored the only goal fo the match in the tenth minute after slack play by the North Ryde defence.

Campbelltown attacked strongly in the second half but North Ryde goalkeeper was in superb form keeping the score down to 1-0 for Campbelltown City.

BAULKHAM HILLS IN GOOD WIN

In round five Baulkham Hills played King Tomislav at the Ted Horwood Reserve and came up winners 2-1.

All three goals were scored within a 20 minute period. Baulkham Hills took control in the first half scoring twice through Darren O'Halloran (2) King Tomislav pulled one back just before the break through Tony Lezo.

King Tomislav with superior ball skills pressed hard after the break but could not penetrate the Baulkham Hills defence.

Club officials from both clubs commented on the high standard of refereeing of all three grades.

MOUNT DRUITT WIN IN THRILLER

Mount Druitt Town defeated Moorebank/Liverpool 3-2 in a hard fought match, Moorebank pressed the home team early on and Peter Lanhan scored with a 30m drive after a few minutes play.

In the 27th minute a header by Mick Lambert tied the game at 1-1. Three minutes later Peter Lanhan after a 40m run crossed for Mark Clark to score Moorebanks second.

A neat chip just before halftime by Jim Sullivan brought Mount Druitt level at 2-2.

In the second half Moorebank down to ten men were unable to stop ace forward Jim Sullivan who chipped over the Moorebank keeper after a long run from midfield, giving Mount Druitt a well deserved victory.

ROUND 6

CSI Schofield v B'ham Hills
King Tomislav v Kingsford
Lane Cove Utd v C'town City
North Ryde v Mt Druitt Town
Moorebank-L. v Port Hacking

QUEENS PARK SECOND GRADE SIDE 1984

BRAVE FIGHT BY C.S.I. SCHOFIELD

C.S.I. should have been down for the count by half-time but survived some incredible goalmouth escapes and were only down 1-0 at the break.

A Billy boldra shot hit the post early in the first half then the C.S.I. defence got players in the way of three successive goalbound shots in an exciting few seconds.

However, in the 20th minute, Colin Lowe hammered a loose ball from the edge of the area low into the corner of the net.

Bondi played the more skilful football but C.S.I. were always in with a chance of an equaliser until the 75th minute when an excellent flowing Bondi move involving five Bondi players put them 2-0 up. The ball moved from defence along the ground to Bobby Smith, then to Billy Boldra and through to Willie Campbell on the right wing. Campbell pulled a low ball back for Ian McGovern to steer a 10 metre shot wide of the keeper into the corner of the net.

With 10 minutes remaining the referee awarded a harsh penalty against Bondi for hand-ball and C.S.I. pulled one back to give Bondi a few worrying minutes until the final whistle.

LEAGUE TABLE 1st GRADE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bondi Marines	6	4	1	1	14	6	9
Campbelltown	6	4	0	2	9	4	8
North Ryde	6	3	1	2	13	6	7
Kingsford	6	3	0	3	10	9	6
Queens Park	5	3	0	2	9	9	6
Moorebank	6	2	1	3	12	8	5
Mount Druitt	6	2	1	3	11	14	5
Baulkham Hills	6	2	1	3	9	14	5
Port Hacking	4	2	0	2	9	11	4
King Tomislav	5	1	1	3	7	9	3
Lane Cove	5	1	1	3	4	9	3
C.S.I. Schofield	5	1	1	3	6	13	3

LEAGUE LEADERS BONDI MARINES CLASH WITH RIVAL EASTERN SUBURBS SIDE QUEENS PARK AT ERSKINVILLE OVAL THIS SATURDAY, 5TH MAY 3.00pm KICK OFF.

Barry Walker

QUEENS PARK FIGHT BACK

Port Hacking showed Queens Park they meant business, and after five minutes Derek Masson shot them into the lead from the penalty spot.

Still on top Port Hacking went further ahead from a direct free kick after twenty five minutes.

Two minutes from half time Queens Park pulled one back through sweeper Ian Miller, Paul Barden swung over a far post ball and Miller headed home.

Midway through the second half, Queens Park equallised with another far post header from Ian Miller.

Well on top, Queens Park finally sealed victory when Barry Walker headed home a cross from Jim McBreen.

Top performances for Queens Park came from Paul Barden, Norrie Porter and Jim McBreen.

VILLAWOOD UNITED
1983 U/10-4 Minor Premiers — Premiers

CK ROW: "Hutcho" (coach), Daniel, Deryk, Darrin, Michael, Loffty (assistant ch). MIDDLE ROW: Amun, Jay, Shane C, David, John. FRONT ROW: Troy, Steve, Shane H, Vincent, Tony.

VILLAWOOD UNITED
1983 U/8-4 Minor Premiers — Premiers

BACK ROW: "The Crow" (coach), Danny, Eddie, Brian, Mrs C. (manager) MIDDLE ROW: Mark, Dennis, Glen, Mike, Dave (cockroach). BOTTOM ROW: David S, Ben, Justin, Luke, Shane.

The Scottish Scene

by Andy Hogarth

CHARLIE GETS CHOP

DID YOU KNOW . . ?

■ **How many British teams have taken part in World Club Championship title matches?**

● *Five. 1982—Penarol 1, Aston Villa 0; 1981—Liverpool 0, Flamengo 3; 1980—Nacional 1, Nottm Forest 0; 1968 — Estudiantes v. Manchester United 1-0 and 1-1; 1967—Celtic v. Racing Club 1-0, 1-2 and 0-1. Celtic scorers: at Hampden, McNeill (left), in Buenos Aires, Gemmell (pen.).*

SCOTLAND

Premier Division

Aberdeen	30	23	4	3	72	16	50
Celtic	34	21	6	7	78	39	48
Dundee U	30	17	7	6	59	32	41
Rangers	31	14	8	9	47	36	36
Hearts	32	9	14	9	35	44	32
St Mirren	33	8	13	12	50	53	29
Hibernian	34	12	5	17	43	53	29
Dundee	33	10	3	20	45	71	23
St J'tone	33	9	3	21	33	77	21
Motherwell	34	4	7	23	30	71	15

Division One

Morton	37	19	12	6	69	44	50
D'ton	37	19	11	7	62	40	49
Partick	37	18	7	12	64	48	43
Clydebank	37	16	11	10	59	47	43
Brechin	37	14	13	10	54	50	41
Falkirk	37	16	6	15	45	51	38
Kilmarnock	37	15	6	16	52	50	36
Clyde	37	11	13	13	52	49	35
Airdrie	37	13	9	15	44	49	35
Hamilton	37	10	14	13	41	44	34
M'bank	37	11	10	16	46	66	32
Ayr	37	9	12	16	53	67	30
Raith	37	8	11	18	45	61	27
Alloa	37	8	9	20	41	61	25

Division Two

Forfar	37	25	9	3	69	30	59
East Fife	37	18	7	12	52	41	43
Berwick	37	15	11	11	57	36	41
Q South	37	16	9	12	50	43	41
Stirling	37	13	14	10	48	40	40
Arbroath	37	17	6	14	50	45	40
Stranraer	37	13	11	13	46	45	37
S'muir	37	13	11	13	44	53	37
D'line	37	13	10	14	43	41	36
QP	37	13	8	16	55	59	34
E Stirling	37	9	11	17	47	62	29
Montrose	37	11	7	19	34	56	29
C'beath	37	9	9	19	39	53	27
Albion	37	7	11	19	45	75	25

HOWE SLAMS STEIN

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SCOTLAND boss Jock Stein came under fire from Don Howe yet again, and once more it was over striker Charlie Nicholas.

He was substitute in the Scotland under-21 side's defeat in Yugoslavia.

Stein said he was unlikely to be considered for the next two internationals.

But the Arsenal manager stormed: "I cannot understand that type of thing.

"If you've got something to say to a player it should be between you and him. That type of thing is not for the public."

Nicholas, who scored a spectacular goal in Arsenal's 3-1 victory over Stoke said: "I was not upset by what was said. I just feel that I can do something for Scotland."

"But one performance does not prove anything. I must just keep on producing the goods every Saturday."

Stein rethink on Nicholas

THE international career of Charlie Nicholas is heading for a spell in mothballs.

That now seems the inevitable outcome for the Arsenal star, whose form since his move from Celtic has now put his international chances in jeopardy.

Nicholas was substituted in the European Under-21 Championship against Yugoslavia in Belgrade when Scotland were dumped out of the competition.

Yet only a year ago he was hailed as the new golden boy of Scottish football, with a goal against Switzerland that team boss Jock Stein described as "one of the best ever seen at Hampden."

But as he looked back on the Scots starlet's exit from the Under-21 tourney Stein said: "He's not the Nicholas we knew last season. Certainly he's playing under difficulty with an ankle injury, and he's not happy himself about his form.

"But he's lost a bit of his quickness that was such a strong part of his game."

CHARLIE NICHOLAS is a big boy now, and he would never seek undue sympathy for his current situation.

He was sternly advised, by people who know what they are talking about, not to go to Arsenal.

This advice was based on the irrefutable fact that Arsenal have not played exciting, entertaining, adventurous football, as a matter of policy, since the days of Alex James.

He could have gone to Liverpool or Manchester United, where he would have fitted-in beautifully. He ignored all advice. Now his is struggling at both club and international level.

He will come back. Talent such as his cannot be smothered indefinitely. Meanwhile, it's all his own fault.

ABERDEEM NEARLY HOME

In Scotland, Eric Black's 67th minute goal was enough to give Aberdeen a 1-0 win over Dundee to consilidate its hold on the premier-division leadership.

Dundee United found already relegated Motherwell an easy proposition and cruised to a comfortable 3-1 away victory.

Second-placd Celtic beat Hibernian 3-2 at home to remain two points behind Aberdeen. But the league leader has four games in hand.

DONS & UNITED BOW OUT

Aberdeen in an effort to peg back the away goal scored by Porto's Gomes, pictured bottom right, fell for the sucker punch and eventually fell further behind to Porto.

The Dons lost both legs 1-0 and their European crown.

Pictures: Top; No way through the Porto defence for Neile Cooper and Mark McGhee. Bottom Left; Mark McGhee challenges the Porto keeper with no success.

League Champions Dundee United froze in Rome, losing their two goal lead and eventual dismissal form the tournament.

SPURS LINE UP STRACHAN

Spurs are the new front runners in the chase for Gordon strachan. Aberdeen's Scottish international midfield star.

Strachan's contract with aberdeen ends in June. He wants to leave and Spurs have already made the moves to make them first in the queue.

Arsenal and Newcastle have declared an interest, Verona and Genoa have both made it official that they are prepared to pay $1,400,000 and FC Cologne have watched Strachan three times.

But Spurs are ready to top the lot and match the $1,600,000 they paid Aberdeen for Steve Archibald.

Although Keith Burkinshaw has made most of the moves in the Strachan chase his departure form Spurs will not affect the deal.

Strachan, who is 27, is currently managed by Alex Ferguson, who has been suggested as a candidate for the Spurs job.

But Ferguson has just signed a five-year contract at Aberdeen and has also had a row with Strachan over the player's recently published autobiography. In his book Strachan describes Ferguson as a manager who puts the fear of death in people.

."Fergie's half-time crack-ups have to be seen to be believed," says Strachan.

"One day he kicked a plate of sandwiches up in the air. On another he swept a row of teacups in one direction and knocked over the tea urn in the other."